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SELA Proceedings

Fifteenth Biennial Conference

Atlanta, October 30 - November 1, 1952

The Fifteenth Biennial Conference of the Southeastern Library Association was opened with an official welcome to the exhibitors by President Louis Shores on Thursday, October 30, at 9:15 a.m., in the Exhibit Hall of the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel. He stated that the exhibits were an official and integral part of the program, that a great amount of creative thought had gone into their selection and arrangement, and urged everyone to devote as much time as possible to visiting them. He suggested that the slogan, "Everyone Visit Every Exhibit," be adopted, and in concluding his remarks thanked the exhibitors for their very important contribution to the Conference.

FIRST GENERAL SESSION

Immediately following the opening of the exhibits, the first general session, a business meeting was called to order by President Shores in the auditorium of the Exhibit Hall. He extended a cordial welcome, saying in part: "As we assemble for the Fifteenth Biennial Conference to re-dedicate ourselves to our profession and our region, I know you share with me the sincere desire to strengthen through libraries our way of life. Never before have we faced a professional challenge of such immensity. Admittedly the present cold war is a conflict of ideologies. The weapons are psychological. Abroad the major campaigns for men's minds are being fought by libraries. The struggle is no less keen at home. If somehow, we in the Southeast can demonstrate effective mobilization of the research and dissemination forces of our 500 academic, community, school, and specialized libraries through our regional professional association, we may well create the greatest single weapon of World

War III. I wish everyone of you a happy and profitable conference in Atlanta."

President Shores presented the members of the Executive Board and expressed appreciation for their good work and the assistance they had given him. He then welcomed and introduced Miss Janice Key, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association; Mr. Dean Stallings, President, Mountain Plains Library Association; Mr. Ralph Shaw, Librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Miss Essae Martha Culver, past president of the American Library Association and a member from Louisiana of the Southwestern Library Association; Mr. Arthur Hamlin, Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Research Libraries; and Mr. Louis Round Wilson, Southeastern's best known and most distinguished librarian.

The Executive Secretary's report was read by Mrs. J. Henley Crosland and the Treasurer's report, covering the Association's financial transactions up to the beginning of the Conference, was given by Mr. R. S. Alvarez. [See section on reports, p. 77.]

At this point Mr. A. F. Kuhlman asked the identity of the new editor of the *Southeastern Librarian*. President Shores presented Mr. W. P. Kellam, Director of Libraries, University of Georgia, who, he said, had agreed to be the editor of the journal and chairman of the Publications Committee.

Mr. Shores then gave a report in which he reviewed the work of the committees and other accomplishments of the Association during the biennium. [See page 73.] The final part of the program was devoted to the presentation of committee reports and Mr. Archie McNeal was asked to serve as parliamentarian. The reports had been mimeographed and distributed to the members in attendance in order that time would not be consumed in reading each one. The chairman of each committee, however, was asked to come to the front of the room, answer inquiries regarding the report, and to move its adoption.

The reports of Committees A through L were adopted with very little discussion. In regard to Committee A, Mr. Kuhlman asked Mr. Jesse, its chairman, for additional information concerning the project presented to the Executive Board of the American Library Association for submission to the Ford Foundation. Mr. Jesse stated that the first proposal was for all

regions, which was turned down with the request that one be made for the Southeastern region only.

Although Mr. W. Stanley Hoole had resigned as editor of the *Southeastern Librarian* he was asked to give the report of Committee B. After the report had been accepted, President Shores stated that the Executive Board had approved the *Southeastern Librarian* as a quarterly beginning with the third volume.

Mrs. Margie Malmberg, chairman of Committee E was unable to be present and the report of that Committee was given by Miss Lucile Nix. After the presentation of the report of Committee K, Miss Mary R. Sanders called attention to the omission of Tennessee's replies to the questionnaire and asked that they be included.

In the absence of Mrs. Augusta Richardson, Chairman of Committee M, the report was given by Miss Virginia McJenkin. In order to clarify the matter of dues, to provide for two candidates for each office, and to establish a procedure for electing the representatives from the states on the SELA Executive Board, a number of amendments to the By-Laws were presented and the following action was taken:

Article 1. Dues. Section 2. b. Approved as presented.

Article 3. Election of Officers. Miss Tommie Dora Barker opened consideration of the first section by inquiring how the nominees would be made known to the members of the Association and suggested that they be announced in the *Southeastern Librarian*. As a result of the discussion which followed, a number of changes were made in the first section of Article 3. The By-Laws as amended are contained in the Addendum to the Committee's report.

Miss McJenkin presented the second section of Article 3. Mr. Clyde Cantrell asked for an explanation of the thinking behind the second sentence of Section 2 (b). Miss McJenkin explained that there are two associations of librarians in some states and this provision was included in the By-Laws to make certain that both were represented. Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas expressed fear that too much responsibility was being placed on the SELA Executive Board member in each state. Miss Lucile Nix suggested that the appointments be made by the Executive Board member in the state in cooperation with the

executive board of the state library association. Miss Barker suggested that the Executive Board member, the state member of the SELA nominating committee and a third member selected by them serve as the nominating committee for the new member of the Board. Mr. Kuhlman expressed the belief that the matter should remain tied closely to the state associations and that Miss Barker's suggestion would be a divisive action. At this point, because of the limits of time, Miss Helen Harris moved that this matter be carried over to the general meeting on Friday morning, and that Miss McJenkin revise and clarify the wording of Section 2 for presentation at that time. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Lawrence Thompson gave a brief report on the Southern Book Competition. He asked that anyone interested in having the exhibit for display in his library to please see him. President Shores requested that the members convene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday in order to complete the presentation of reports before the General Session at ten o'clock. The meeting then was adjourned.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION

The second general session was a panel discussion centering on the theme "Types of Audio-Visual Programs." In covering his particular type of program each speaker touched on the following points of an audio-visual program: function, development, finance, personnel, housing, and scope of present operations. Mr. John R. Banister, Director of the W. C. Bradley Memorial Library, Columbus, Georgia, discussed the operation of the county and regional audio-visual program as operated in his area. Mr. Clarence R. Graham, Librarian, Louisville Free Public Library, Louisville, Kentucky, reviewed the development and operation of a large city program such as there is in Louisville. He stressed the many phases of his program and the extensive audience reached by it. Mrs. Hazel Calhoun Sherrill, Calhoun Company Visual Education Service, Atlanta, Georgia, explained the growth and present status of the State Department of Education Audio-Visual Service of the State of Georgia. Mr. John W. Mitchell, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, in addition to serving as moderator of the program, discussed the various types of audio-visual programs

which are found in colleges and universities. These programs may be completely academic or completely service or a combination in some degree of both.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION

President Shores opened the third general session on Thursday evening, October 30, at 8:00 o'clock, with the announcement that a business meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m. on the following day. He continued by saying that the first speaker really needed no introduction to the audience, for he was a native of the region and a former member of SELA. He then extended a warm welcome to Mr. Robert B. Downs, President of the American Library Association and former librarian of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Downs brought greetings from the American Library Association, and presented an amusing withal meaty address on "Some Current Delusions, or Horsefeathers in Librarianship." The thesis of the paper was that the older conception of librarians was obsolete and that the modern librarian is an outstanding and attractive individual.

Mr. Shores next introduced Mr. Clarence R. Decker, President of the University of Kansas City and former Assistant Director for the Far East of the Mutual Security Agency. Mr. Decker spent last summer in Asia and his thought-provoking address, "Passport to Asia," brought firsthand news of conditions there. At the end of his talk the meeting was adjourned.

FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

The special business meeting convened in the Exhibit Hall Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 31, President Shores presiding. Consideration of the committee reports was resumed, continuing with that of the Constitution Committee, Miss McJenkin read the amendments to the By-Laws as she had clarified them and they were approved.

Miss Tommie Dora Barker, chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the report of that committee. At this point, Mrs. Crosland expressed appreciation to the members of the Nominating Committee for their excellent work in selecting candidates for the offices of vice-president and treasurer. She then reported the results of the mail ballot and introduced the

new officers: Vice-President and President-Elect, Miss Nancy Jane Day, Supervisor of Library Services, State Department of Education, Columbia, South Carolina; and Treasurer, Miss Roy Land, Circulation Librarian, University of Virginia. Mrs. Crossland also announced the new members of the Executive Board: Alabama, Mrs. Pauline M. Foster, Chairman, Department of School Library Service, University of Alabama; Florida, Dr. Louis Shores, Dean, School of Library Training and Service, Florida State University; and Georgia, Mrs. James E. Powers, Director, Middle Georgia Regional Library, Macon. The reports of Committees R, S, W, and Y were presented by the respective chairman and adopted without change. The business meeting adjourned at this time.

The fourth general session was called to order by President Shores at 10:15 a.m. In opening the meeting he stated that "we have dedicated this morning to consideration of a subject that is most vital today to all labor-management relations. If we in our small corner of the occupational world can somehow develop for ourselves a pattern of democratic working relations, we can advance not only our library mission but perhaps contribute to the solution of one of the greatest problems in our national domestic economy. It is, therefore, an opportunity to have on our Southeastern platform today leaders of distinction in the critical field of personnel. Two of them have made their mark in librarianship, the third in the broad field of personnelism, and the fourth in education."

The President continued by saying that the program consisted of a forum on the subject of "Staff Participation in Administration" and introduced Mr. W. J. McGlothlin, Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Education Board, who served as moderator. The other members of the panel were: Miss Amy Winslow, Librarian, Enoch Pratt Free Library; Mr. Ralph Shaw, Librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture; and Mr. George D. Garner, Vice-President in charge of personnel, Southern Bell Telephone Company. There was a question period following the last paper. The meeting was adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.

FIFTH GENERAL SESSION

The fifth general session was called to order by President Shores at 8:20 p.m., Friday night, October 31, in the Exhibit Hall Auditorium. Mr. Shores announced that the Fifteenth Biennial Conference had been a banner meeting, breaking all records with 778 registrants and probably an attendance of more than a thousand, for many had not registered. He thanked the members for making his work as president so easy.

The program centered around the theme "Book Evening." Mr. Shores stated that this session had been selected as a time when we could devote ourselves to the stuff of which our profession is made—books and reading, supported by music from the Glee Club of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Unfortunately, the first speaker on the printed program, Mr. James Saxon Childers, was unable to be present.

The second scheduled speaker, Mr. W. T. Couch, Editor of Collier's Encyclopedia, was introduced as a native of the Southeast who had returned for this occasion. Mr. Couch's paper was entitled "Regionalism in Literature." The next speaker, Mr. Theodore Waller, Director of the Book Publishers' Council, has become known as a leader in the movement to stimulate reading through the coordinated efforts of publishers, booksellers, and librarians. He spoke on the subject "Books Bring Us Together."

Following Mr. Waller's talk, the Georgia Tech Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Walter Herbert, entertained the group with several delightful selections.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report, which was read by Miss Mabel Willoughby:

WHEREAS the success of the Fifteenth Biennial Conference of the Southeastern Library Association, held in the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, October 29-November 1, 1952, has been made possible through the untiring efforts of numerous individuals on the local arrangements committees, including the Publicity, Hospitality, and Program Committees, as well as through the efficient registration conducted by the Atlanta Library Club, and through the color added to the conference by the flowers furnished by the Georgia Library Association; and

WHEREAS the contributions of the advertisers, the exhibitors, and the exhibits chairman, have added much to the intellectual and recreational enjoyment of this conference; and

WHEREAS the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel management and staff have contributed to the smooth functioning of the Conference; and

WHEREAS the officers of the Association have worked diligently to make this a stimulating and successful Conference;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Association express its deep appreciation to all the foregoing; that these resolutions be spread on the minutes and that the Secretary write the appropriate letters to carry out the interest of these resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,
JACK DALTON
RAY O. HUMMELL, JR.
MABEL WILLOUGHBY, *Chairman*

The last part of the program was the drawing of numbers for over forty prizes donated by the exhibitors. At the end of the drawings, Mr. Shores adjourned the fifth and final general session of the Fifteenth Biennial Conference.

SECTION MEETINGS

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL GROUP OF CATALOGERS

The Southeastern Regional Group of Catalogers met in Room 10 of the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel at 3:30 p.m., October 31, with eight-nine persons present, eighty-one of whom had paid membership dues. After Miss Van Syoc had welcomed the group, the minutes of the 1950 meeting were approved and the treasurer's report accepted.

One item of old business was introduced, the matter of the directory of the section. After a period of discussion, a motion was made that the section combine its directory with that of the whole Southeastern Library Association provided our treasury is able to bear the necessary expense. This motion was passed unanimously, with the understanding that the new officers would take this matter under advisement.

The results of the mail election ballot conducted in the spring of 1952 were announced and the new officers introduced: Miss Vivian Moose of the Catalog Department of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina Library at Greensboro, Chairman; Mr. Dale Bentz, Head of the Processing De-

partment of the University of Tennessee Library at Knoxville, Secretary-Treasurer.

Since there were no new items of business, Miss Van Syoc outlined the program of the meeting and introduced Mr. Lynn Walker of the University of Florida as the first speaker. His paper consisted of a summary of a survey concerning "Technical Processes in Small College Libraries of the Southeast." By means of a questionnaire sent to 130 small college libraries, 110 of which replied, it was found that technical procedures differ widely. To quote from Mr. Walker's summary: "The most important conclusion drawn . . . is that there is some need of a nucleus of standardized procedures . . . This might take the form of a cataloging code, modified to meet the needs of small college libraries, or it might be of more benefit in the form of a group of recommended practices . . ."

After a short discussion the second paper was read by Miss Clyde Pettus, Associate Professor, Division of Librarianship of Emory University. It dealt with the results of the survey of the cataloging procedures carried on in the small public library made by the SELA Committee on Cataloging and Classification. A questionnaire was sent to three hundred and fifty-one public libraries in nine southern states which had collections of from 5,000 to 30,000 volumes. Forty-three per cent of the libraries returned the questionnaire. Again wide variance was found in procedures. Since the complete report of this committee will appear in print, a detailed treatment is unnecessary here.

Miss Emmie Hayes of the Miami Public Library gave the final paper consisting of a resume of the pre-ALA Institute on Subject Analysis of Library Materials held at Columbia University under the auspices of the Columbia School of Librarianship and the ALA Division of Cataloging and Classification, June 24-28, 1952. This five day conference consisted of morning and afternoon sessions covering papers and discussions by authorities in the field of subject analysis. Miss Hayes drew the following conclusions: 1) there is general agreement that classification will not do as much as librarians once thought it could; 2) catalog departments need specialists; 3) the use of card catalogs and indexes must be coordinated, for one does not necessarily supplant the other; 4) there is a revived interest in the classed catalog, particularly in the field of science; 5) research is neces-

sary, and candidates for the master's degree in library schools should be encouraged to make studies of cataloging and classification; 6) the use of the catalog needs to be taught to students; 7) there is no doubt of the value of subject catalogs, but the cataloger must be alert to change and must watch all developments and keep abreast of them.

Miss Van Syoc then turned the meeting over to Miss Moose who asked for the cooperation of the group for the next two years and adjourned the meeting.

Frances L. Yocom,
Secretary

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS SECTION

The College and University Librarians Section of the Southeastern Library Association held its first meeting of the Fifteenth Biennial Conference in the Pompeian Room of the Biltmore Hotel on October 30th at 1:30 p.m. Approximately 250 members were present. The chairman, Miss Evelyn Fritz, Associate Director, University of Georgia Libraries, presided.

The guest speaker was Mr. Ernest C. Colwell, erstwhile president of the University of Chicago, and now Dean of the Faculties and Acting Director of the Institute of Liberal Arts, Emory University. His subject was "The Problems of College and University Libraries as Viewed by the Administrator." The second portion of the program was devoted to a panel discussion on personnel problems. Mr. Lawrence S. Thompson, University of Kentucky, was the moderator. Miss Jane Flener, Furman University Library, the first speaker on the panel, led the discussion on the problem of recruiting, which was followed by the topic of professional ethics, led by Miss Louise Richardson, of the Florida State University. Mr. Robert T. Grazier, University of Florida, enumerated many of the problems faced by the librarian in employing staff members. Problems involved with current trends in job classification, faculty status for librarians, and salary schedules were considered by Mr. Joe W. Kraus, Madison College.

The second meeting of the College and University Librarians Section was held Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the Exhibit Hall Auditorium. A short business meeting preceded the papers given by the guest speakers. Miss Fritz, the

chairman, stated that since the minutes of the 1950 meeting had appeared in the *Southeastern Librarian*, Spring, 1951, she would dispense with having them read unless there was a call for them. Mr. Lawrence S. Thompson, treasurer, reported that the balance on hand was \$56.75.

Mr. William R. Pullen, Documents Librarian, University of North Carolina Library, read the report of the committee authorized by the Section during its 1950 meeting to study methods of exchange of session laws and legislative journals in the Southeastern states. Other members of the committee are Miss Louise Fant, University of Georgia, and Mr. David Estes, Emory University. The committee recommended that the scope of the study should be broadened to include the supreme court reports and the collected documents series. It recommended also that the present committee be continued until its work was completed. Both motions were carried.

The Section was fortunate in having present Mr. Robert B. Downs, president of the American Library Association, who brought special greetings to the group. Miss Fritz then introduced Mr. Christopher Crittenden, Director of the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History, who gave a paper "Let's Look at Manuscripts." Mr. Arthur T. Hamlin, Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Reference Libraries of the American Library Association was the second speaker of the morning. He spoke on "Cooperative Book Selection Agreements Among Neighboring Colleges."

Mr. Donald E. Thompson read a statement voicing concern over the \$15.00 per student library standard adopted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and announced that Mr. W. S. Hoole wished to have a resolution passed by the Section supporting him in his efforts to have a restudy of library standards made by the Association. Mr. Hoole had suggested that the resolution include the recommendation that the minimum be advanced from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per student. Mr. Charles Stone asked to have the resolution to this effect broadened to include a recommendation that faculty rating be accorded to librarians on the basis of comparable training and experience. A motion to have this resolution offered including Mr. Stone's amendment was passed. The chairman appointed Messrs. Thompson and Stone to prepare it.

Mr. Charles M. Adams brought Section 8 of the Activities Committee's report bearing upon the right of the College and University Librarians Section to organize a chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries within the Southeastern Association to the attention of the members. After a brief discussion of some of the factors underlying the formation of a chapter, a motion to delay action upon the matter until the next biennial was carried.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Mr. Donald E. Thompson, Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, and Mr. John Goodman, offered the following slate which was accepted unanimously: chairman, Mr. Archie McNeal, Director, University of Miami Libraries; vice-chairman and chairman elect, Miss Mabel Wiloughby, Librarian, Howard College; secretary, Mrs. Celia Pope Campbell, Periodicals Librarian, Mississippi State College Library; and treasurer, Mr. Joe W. Kraus, Librarian, Madison College.

The meeting was adjourned.

Georgia H. Faison,
Secretary

COUNTY AND REGIONAL LIBRARIANS SECTION

The County and Regional Librarians Section of the Southeastern Library Association met at 3:30 p.m., October 31, in the Exhibit Hall Auditorium of the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel. Approximately 150 librarians were present. Miss Margaret Johnston, chairman, opened the meeting with remarks of welcome. Then she announced that, for the first time, a program of book reviews for adults would be presented during the conference, and that it would be sponsored by the County and Regional Librarians Section. This program, she said, was scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Saturday in the Pompeian Room, with Miss Gladys Johnson of the North Carolina Library Commission and Miss Edith Foster of the West Georgia Regional Library in charge.

The program for the afternoon meeting, described by the chairman as "designed to give us a broader view of our subject," was a panel discussion on "Larger Units of Service." Members of the panel were Miss L. Marion Moshier, Director of Extension for the New York State Library, chairman; Miss S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary of the Public Libraries Division, Amer-

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FALL,

ican Library Association; and Miss Martha Parks, of the Tennessee State Library. Miss Moshier described New York State's two plans for larger units of service, the regional service center and the multi-county system. She pointed out the difference in these two types of organization and showed how they fitted into the philosophy of New York's plan. In doing this she stressed that they were experimental in nature, that the service center was designed to serve libraries rather than the public, that county and multi-county libraries were required to meet definite standards in order to receive aid grants, and that all of these larger units were based on local initiative and responsibility.

Miss Kee reviewed the history of the Door-Kewanee Regional Library in Wisconsin, describing it as purely a demonstration with special features and designed to serve as a sample of good library service. Miss Parks pictured the Tennessee regional system as a plan evolved from local conditions and established on a continuing basis, which incorporates many features of New York's Watertown experiment. After a period for questions from the floor, Miss Moshier summarized these discussions of various plans for larger unit service.

At the short business session following the program, the nominating committee composed of Miss Nancy C. Blair, chairman, Miss Alice Bryan, and Miss Frances Gish, presented the following slate, which was unanimously elected: chairman, Mrs. Lura Currier, Field Representative, Mississippi Library Commission; vice-chairman, Miss Dorothy Smith, Horry County Library, Conway, South Carolina; and secretary, Miss Ethel Sanders, County Library, Montgomery, Alabama.

The chairman explained that in spite of the Section's instructions at the last meeting for a committee "to inquire into the possibilities of the Southeastern Library Association establishing a bibliographic center which would be useful to public libraries as well as to research libraries," she had failed to appoint such a committee because of the organizational situation of SELA, and because no progress on a Southeastern bibliographic center had been made by the Association as a whole. She asked for discussion and an expression of the Section's wishes on this matter for the next biennium. Following some discussion it was moved by Mr. James R. Housel that a com-

mittee composed of the officers do what they can to get a bibliographic center established in the Southeast for all types of libraries. Seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Jeanne D. Broach,
Secretary

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION

The Public Library Section of the Southeastern Library Association Conference met in Atlanta at the Biltmore Hotel October 30, 1952 at 2 p.m., Mr. Hoyt Galvin, chairman, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read by Mr. John R. Banister, secretary.

The program consisted of a series of papers by various committees of the Section. The first paper "The Proper Relationship Between Public and School Libraries" was presented by Miss Margaret Dickson, chairman of the Public-School Library Committee. This report indicated that some 45 per cent of public library bookmobile service goes to schools, that 47 per cent of public library branch service is to school children, and that 39 per cent of main library service is devoted to children. Recommendations from this report included definite areas of cooperation between school and public libraries, and the acceptance by school boards of financial responsibility for school library service.

The second paper, "Audio-Visual Summary for the Southeast, 1952" represented the findings of the Audio-Visual Committee and was given by its chairman, Mr. John R. Banister. This report indicated very little correlation between budget size and the amount spent for AV. A surprisingly large number of the smaller libraries owned record players and record collections, with other AV materials being commonly added as the size of the library increased, in this order: radio sets, 16 mm. projectors, microfilms, television sets, photo book chargers and tape recorders. Budget expenditures for AV varied from 1½ per cent in the largest libraries to 3 per cent in the smallest.

The third paper was a report of the Cooperative Activities Committee by its chairman, Miss Mildred Goodrich. This Committee reported increased cooperation throughout the Southeast in organizing larger-unit library systems, in the joint purchase

and use of special books and films, and finally in providing (largely at the state level) for such special services as the publication of a trustees handbook, the setting up of a union catalog, and recruiting of librarians.

The fourth part of the program consisted of a survey of new public library buildings in the Southeast by Mr. John Settelmayer, chairman of the Buildings Committee. Various librarians described details of their new buildings, aided by projected slides, and an Atlanta architect commented briefly on pertinent details.

The nominating committee, Mr. Fant Thornley, chairman, presented the following slate of officers for the section: Mr. John R. Banister, chairman, Miss Nellie Glass, secretary. They were unanimously elected.

John R. Banister,
Secretary

REFERENCE SECTION

The meeting of the Reference Section of the Southeastern Library Association was held at 3:30 p.m., October 31, in the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Pompeian Room, where approximately 200 persons had assembled. The chairman, Mr. John K. Cameron, presided, and in the absence of the secretary, Miss Norma Cass, who is on leave to teach at the Library School in Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Willa Boysworth served as secretary *pro tem*.

The business meeting was held immediately upon assembling. Miss Marella Walker presented the slate of officers for the coming biennium: Mrs. Vivien Lawson, Reference Librarian, University of Alabama Library, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, chairman, and Mrs. Harry Weedon, of the Tampa Public Library, secretary. Since there were no nominations from the floor the two names presented were voted by the group as the officers for the next two years.

There being no other business, Mr. Cameron introduced the members of the panel who discussed the general topic, "Current Reference Problems." They were Mrs. Elizabeth Beamguard, Librarian, Huntsville Public Library, Huntsville, Alabama; Mrs. Noah E. Byers, Librarian, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia; Mr. Jack Dalton, Librarian, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia; Mr. William FitzGerald, Di-

rector, Peabody Library School, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Adrian Hughes, Librarian, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama; Miss Agnes Reagan, Professor of Librarianship, Emory University, Georgia, and Mrs. Henry J. Shearouse, Jr., Reference Librarian, Atlanta Public Library, Atlanta, Georgia.

The following specific subjects came under discussion, each member of the panel being free to talk on any or all of the topics: reference procedures, reference teaching, reference questions, reference materials, and reference administration.

The questions elicited a good deal of comment from the audience and there was an inter-play of questions back and forth among the members of the panel and the audience. The subject of reference teaching seemed to bring out the greatest amount of discussion, especially since there were two library instructors on the panel.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Mrs. Willa Boysworth,
Secretary, *pro tem*

SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARY SECTION

The School and Children's Library Section of the Southeastern Library Association met in the Pompeian Room of the Biltmore Hotel, at ten o'clock, Saturday morning, November 1, with Miss Susan Caldwell, chairman, presiding. After greetings from the chairman, the secretary read greetings from Miss Rachael W. DeAngelo, Executive Secretary of the American Association of School Librarians.

Miss Ruby Ethel Cundiff reported the results of a questionnaire concerning library student assistants which had been sent to librarians in the nine Southeastern states. Interesting letters and comments on material not included in the questionnaire were read to supplement the report.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Miss Annabelle Koonce, chairman, Miss Margaret Miller and Miss Carolyn Whitenack, presented the name of Miss Azile Wofford, Associate Professor of Library Science, University of Kentucky, for chairman. There were no nominations from the floor and Miss Wofford was elected. (It is customary for the chairman to appoint her secretary.)

The first speaker, Miss Nancy Burge, Supervisor of School Libraries, York (South Carolina) Consolidated Public Schools, delivered a paper entitled "We Have the Spurs to Back Our Crow." Miss Burge stated that some states have more to crow about than others but that "we are all headed in the same direction, the best possible service to the boys and girls in our school and children's libraries." The achievements of the past two years which she pointed out were: physical and material progress, improvement in training of both librarians and student assistants, development of in service training programs, additional school libraries open during the summer, increased activity in the field of guidance, and better understanding on the part of school people as to what a good library can do for the teaching program of the school. Miss Burge added that the needs of the library program for more trained personnel, adequate space for functional library quarters, and additional money, as well as the challenge of unfinished business such as accreditation of more white and negro schools, employment of more supervisors, improvement of faculty group planning, encouragement of student assistants organizations, and more in service workshops will spur librarians on toward a greater future.

Miss Priscilla Lantz, Associate Professor and Acting Head of Department of Library Service, University of Tennessee, talked on the topic "Are Current Books for Children Merely Sanitary and Blameless?" Her subject was inspired by an article by Clifton Fadiman which appeared in *Holiday* for August, 1953. Miss Lantz took issue with several of his appraisals and she presented a number of titles published during 1951-1952 to refute several of his ideas. There was animated discussion about books for children and young people at the end of her talk. The meeting adjourned at the close of the discussion.

The School and Children's Library Section also had charge of the morning program of book reviews on Friday, October 31. The reviewers were Miss Cora Bomar, State School Library Adviser of North Carolina, and Miss Margaret Kalp of the University of North Carolina. They used the conversational technique in describing and evaluating fourteen of the latest books on three reading levels.

Mary Eades,
Secretary

TRUSTEES SECTION

The Trustees Section held its meeting at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, October 31, with the chairman, Mrs. Hutton Longino, presiding. Mrs. Longino is on the Board of Trustees of the Atlanta Public Library. The program consisted of a panel discussion on the subject, "Do Librarians Need Trustees?" The panel members were: Mr. Bradford Ansley, Director of Public Information, Emory University; Miss Janice Key, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division, A.L.A.; Mr. James McCain, Trustee, Guntersville Public Library; Miss Helen Harris, Librarian Lawson-McGhee Library, Knoxville, Tennessee.

There was excellent audience participation and particular interest was shown in how trustees are appointed and in the number of members that should be on a board. Librarians without trustees seemed eager for information about boards of trustees. It was the consensus of opinion that libraries with trustees seem to fare better than those without them. However, it was believed that the appointment of officials in city governments as trustees should be kept to a minimum.

There was general agreement that trustees can be most valuable, but that their value depends upon their interest and willingness to serve, and the ability of the librarian to use his trustees, particularly in public relations and in securing financial backing for his projects.

Mrs. Hutton Longino,
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REPORTS, 1950-52

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

THE PRESIDENT

It is probable that if you were given an opportunity you would willingly dispense with the President's report. However, I feel duty bound to give you a brief overview statement on the affairs of our Association. The last twenty-four months represent the first biennium under a new constitution and the first full biennium with an incorporated organization, an association headquarters, a paid, albeit inadequately paid, executive secretary, a journal, an income from paid membership dues, and a completed contract. If the biennium revealed nothing else but these six features there would be tangible evidence that the mandates given your officers by you at Asheville in 1946, at Louisville in 1948, and here in Atlanta in 1950 had been reasonably fulfilled.

But there is more. During the past two years no fewer than twenty-six committees have been activated. The reports of most of their work are before you on the mimeographed pages included in your registration envelope. These committees have enlisted the talent and time of a considerable portion of our membership. Their work is further evidence of the vitality of our Association and speaks for itself. Before this session is over you will have an opportunity to inform yourself further about the work of these committees through answers and questions of the chairmen who will assemble on this platform. Because my own satisfaction at working with these committees is deep and appreciative, I beg your indulgence in permitting me to say some few words about each.

Committee A, our Liaison Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jesse and with the unceasing support of his colleagues, Dr. Powell and Dr. Wilson, aided by many members has performed inestimably well one of the most difficult assignments included in your original mandate. In the short space of one biennium this Committee has made the SELA known and felt among such regional agencies as the Southern Board on Regional

Education, the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Southern Association of Graduate Schools, to name just three. It is significant that the SELA now appears as a sponsoring agency among Southern groups representing other professions on major projects of the Southern Board which represents the governors of our states. Nor is this all. Through the efforts of Committee A, a contract with the Tennessee Valley Authority was negotiated and consummated. Important approaches were made to two foundations and a third proposition is now before the Ford Foundation through the American Library Association's good offices. As President of the Association I wish now to thank the members of the Committee for an exceptionally fine job and I hope you will join me in applauding their efforts.

Committee B enabled the Association to realize a second major objective of reorganization, a journal. Three issues of the *Southeastern Librarian* have appeared under the capable editorship of this committee's chairman, Dr. Hoole. I hope you will join me in applauding him and the members of his committee as a token of appreciation. Dr. Hoole's successor is to be Mr. Kellam and he will be assisted by Mr. Thompson of Mississippi State, who has served ably as business manager since the start.

Our Association is now thirty-two years old. It has had an exciting history. Until this past biennium, however, no systematic effort to record it has been undertaken. Now Committee C, under the chairmanship first of Dr. Wilson and now of Miss Anders is preparing an official history and assembling for headquarters a historical records collection.

Similarly, Committee D, under the chairmanship of Dr. Alvarez has begun to collect the significant statistics on libraries of the nine Southeastern States and Committee E under the chairmanship of Mrs. Malmberg has begun the compilation of library laws in our area. Both of these projects are being set up on a continuing basis for periodic publication in the *Southeastern Librarian*.

During the biennium the SELA took a significant step toward the bibliographic organization of the research resources of our region by appointing Committee F. Under the chairmanship of Mr. West and through the joint financing and sponsorship of the SELA and Board of Southern Regional Edu-

cation two phases of the program have been completed: a background study by the chairman during the summer of 1951, and a work conference on the plan at Daytona Beach in October in which the plan was refined and approved. It is hoped to secure funds to complete the inventory and perhaps move into co-operative buying and a union catalogue on a regional basis.

Plans for a work conference on professional library education in the Southeast are going forward under the direction of Committee G. The chairman, Dr. Fitzgerald, with the aid of his colleagues, has completed an inventory of library education agencies in the region and as a result it is possible to plan on representatives from seventy-six undergraduate programs to meet with the graduate schools for the purpose of articulating curricula.

In our sister regional association, the Southwestern Library Association are four states—Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas—which traditionally belong with the nine Southeastern States as part of the South. What is more, the advent of the program of the Board of Southern Regional Accreditation emphasizes the necessity of these thirteen states to work together on regional library planning. Your President, early in his term, undertook to suggest a joint committee to President Low of the Southwestern and he concurred heartily. The result is Committee H, which has already performed valiantly under the chairmanship of Mr. Jesse.

School libraries have always been an important part of the regional professional plan. It is particularly gratifying to see how creatively Committee I has proceeded during this biennium. Recognizing the growing emphasis on school library development a sub-committee has prepared an effective promotional folder that will be distributed by the SELA to some 18,000 school administrators, teachers and parents in this region. A second committee has undertaken a study of the student library movement and when completed some valuable information on pupil assistants in our school libraries will be available. Still a third sub-committee has looked into the possibility of bringing up-to-date the U. S. Office of Education publication "Laws Affecting School Libraries." Miss Caldwell is certainly to be congratulated on the enthusiasm and accomplishments of her committee.

Committee K, after a canvass of college and university problems in the region turned to a consideration of methods of exchange of session laws and legislative journals, and of care and treatment of archival material, and of cooperative book selection. These *motifs* are evident in the sectional program arranged by the committee chairman, Miss Fritz.

In the special library field there is an urgent opportunity, with significant agencies like the Air University, Oak Ridge and numerous other governmental and industrial research projects descending upon our region. Committee L, under Mr. Postell's chairmanship, has begun a preliminary inventory that should produce a useful director and provide support to the work of Committee F. It is also hoped that Committee L will explore cooperation with the Louisiana chapter of the Special Libraries Association which represents several of the Southeastern states, and with the group considering the formation of a Georgia chapter of that Association.

I will say no more about the work of the Constitution and Nominating Committees here than to commend the committee members for jobs well done, since their reports will be presented later. Both committees were working with new instruments. Both performed admirably the duties assigned them. I wish to express my thanks to Mrs. Richardson and to Miss Barker for their capable chairmanships.

If our library mission is to go on in this world we must attract a younger generation of librarians with the capabilities to meet the new challenges. Committee R, under the chairmanship of Miss Jackson has undertaken effective cooperation with the national movement.

The Association completed its first contract during this biennium with the Tennessee Valley Authority through Committee S under the chairmanship of Dr. Thompson. The Committee arranged with University Microfilms for the reproduction of some thirteen urgently needed journal sets.

Other SELA committees such as Personnel Information, and Cataloging and Classification, have launched promising undertakings. Committee W, under Mr. Schlueter, is considering the provision of information concerning personnel to administrators and a supplementary placement service. Committee Y under Miss Pettus has made a survey of cataloging procedures in the small public libraries of the nine Southeastern states.

I have recounted the work of some of these committees as evidence of the vigor with which you have undertaken to work in these first two years of our existence under the new constitution. Surely it must be evident that here in this region of ours there is not only a great professional opportunity but the talent and the will to work with it. That is why anyone who is elected to the presidency of this Association considers it not only an honor but an obligation to serve.

If I were asked to describe the qualifications for the Presidency of the Southeastern Library Association I should add to all the qualities of professional leadership, industry and integrity that inevitably must accompany performances in this office, a high degree of patience, tolerance and self-subordination. Above all, one in this position must dedicate himself positively for reconciling conflict. He must also be willing to give freely of both his time and money and that of his institution. I have delivered to the headquarters one full vertical file drawer of correspondence handled by the President in Tallahassee, as a complement to the far greater files in Atlanta. These qualifications your incoming president has already amply demonstrated during her term as Acting Executive Secretary.

I cannot close this report without paying the highest tribute to Dorothy Crosland, whose performance has been truly magnificent. My deepest gratitude is due Dr. Alvarez for his performance as treasurer, the individual members of our Executive Board, especially Ben Powell who served as Chairman of the Board during my absence in Europe from September to June, and last but not least, may I thank you, the members of the Association for your support during this unusual year of reorganization.

For my own part, I look forward to joining on Saturday Bill Jesse's unofficial organization of "Elder Statesmen."

Louis S. Shores,
President

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

For those of you who have not understood the position of the Executive-Secretary, she would like to review it for you. In January, 1950, past president Graham and Dr. Shores, who was then chairman of the Activities Committee came to Atlanta

and asked Mrs. Crosland if she would act as Executive-Secretary so that the Southeastern Library Association could be incorporated. She secured the services of Mr. Allen Lockerman, who drew up the necessary papers and in March, 1950, the Association was incorporated. Mr. Lockerman rendered a statement of \$150.00 which Mrs. Crosland had him nullify when she explained that the Southeastern Library Association had little funds on which to operate. There were certain expenses connected with being Executive-Secretary which Mrs. Crosland assumed personally.

As Executive-Secretary, she was chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1950 Conference. Members of the Liaison Committee requested Mrs. Crosland to continue to act as Executive-Secretary during the interim until a full-time person could be employed. You will remember the Executive Board and the members who attended the Conference approved signing a contract with the Tennessee Valley Authority. As soon as possible after the contract was signed, an Executive-Secretary was to be appointed. Unfortunately, the T.V.A. budget was cut, and the Association had no funds with which to employ a full-time person. Mrs. Crosland was urged to continue as Executive-Secretary. No one would take the position, for it is a full-time job if it is done well.

To those of you who have understood the situation, and have given moral support Mrs. Crosland is grateful. She apologizes for not answering letters immediately, for seeming to be so negligent. She has worked nights and week-ends so that your Association could grow and become a leader in the region. Dr. Shores was out of the country from September, 1951 until June, 1952. The situation was such that Mrs. Crosland would be Acting President, Vice-President, and Executive-Secretary. This was not healthy for the Association. At her request, Dr. Shores asked the Executive Board to appoint Dr. Ben Powell as Chairman of the Board during his absence. Dr. Powell was extremely helpful at all times and in every way possible tried to relieve Mrs. Crosland of some of her burdens.

An Addressograph machine and plates for paid members was purchased in July, 1951. This has been quite a time-saver. Unless you have experienced setting up a file for paid memberships, you have no idea of the detailed work involved. It takes approximately ten minutes for each application. Even with a

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double check, mistakes are made. Mrs. Crosland had to have help. Since October, 1950 a total of 1,013 persons have joined and paid dues. Unfortunately, all of the people who paid in 1951 have not renewed their memberships in 1952. Some members moved out of the region and two members were lost by death.

As chairman of the Membership Committee, Mrs. Crosland expresses thanks to each member of the Committee for the assistance in getting members and renewals. She particularly wishes to thank the South Carolina Library Association for a contributing membership. Also, she urges each state association to support the Southeastern Library Association by becoming a contributing member.

As of October 26, 1952, the membership is as follows:

State	Individual		Institutional		Contributing		Sustaining	
	Total	Paid	Total	Paid	Total	Paid	Total	Paid
Alabama	85	74	11	10				
Florida	102	75	22	19				
Georgia	162	142	28	24				
Kentucky	59	51	11	11				
Mississippi	73	56	18	16				
N. Carolina	122	101	28	26				
S. Carolina	58	52	12	11	1	1		
Tennessee	80	72	18	15				
Virginia	61	50	17	14				
Illinois	1	1						
Louisiana	1	1	1	1				
Montana	1	1						
Oklahoma	1	1						
Texas			1	1				
Book Dealers	28	24						
Binders					7	5	3	1
Publishers								
Total	832	701	167	147	8	6	3	1

Grand total 1010

Grand total now active members 856

Alabama. Individual members: three moved out of state; one went to library school; two do not wish to renew.

Florida. Individual members: three moved out of state.

Georgia. Individual members: three moved out of state; one went to library school; one retired; one does not wish to renew.

North Carolina. Individual members: one moved out of state; one does not wish to renew; two deceased.

Tennessee. Individual members: one does not wish to renew.

Virginia. Individual members: one does not wish to renew.

Book Dealers and Publishers: two sustaining members became individual members; one contributing member became sustaining member; one deceased.

Subscription Memberships: 8

Exchange Memberships: 6

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The Southeastern Library Association is dependent upon you, each of you, for support. If you have not paid your 1952 dues, won't you do so, and will each of you try to interest one other person in membership? We have over 5,000 people in library work in this region. Surely we can interest half of this number in our Association. Your President, your Executive-Secretary, and your Executive Board members cannot do the work alone. They need your assistance and support.

The Executive-Secretary represented the Southeastern Library Association at four conferences sponsored by the Southern Regional Education Board. Two were on Institutional Self-Evaluation and Graduate Programs. The first one was held in Atlanta on September 9-10, 1951, and the other at Daytona Beach, Florida, October 21-24, 1951. Two on Regional Professional Education were held in Atlanta, October 15, 1951, and August 19-20, 1952. Mrs. Crosland has had many requests for library information from members of the Southern Regional Education Board. She has tried to cooperate in every way possible with this Board.

With a membership of over 1,000 and with approximately twenty-six committees which have from three to ten members each, the correspondence is sometimes overwhelming. Requests have come for complete lists of members, for state members, and for university and college personnel. State membership chairmen have had to have lists to know the members in their respective states. Projects have come to the Executive-Secretary, most always with a request for funds. Invitations for the next conference, invitations for the Executive-Secretary to attend state and regional meetings, requests for information about the Southeastern Library Association, about membership, subscriptions, and exchanges, letters of complaint along with some encouraging ones, and changes of address—these add up to heavy correspondence.

The Executive Board approved the employment of Miss Winifred Hawk as part-time secretary to Mrs. Crosland beginning August 1st. Without her help, it would have been impossible to have carried on the work of the Association during the two months before this Conference.

Mrs. Crosland apologizes for the things not done and for the mistakes she has made. She expresses her appreciation first to her staff who has given time and assistance to her; to the Presi-

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dent, Dr. Shores; to Dr. Benjamin Powell, acting Chairman of the Board; to members of the Executive Board; to chairmen of the committees; and to the members who have cooperated with her in her attempt to be an Executive-Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS' EXPENSES, October 1950-October 1952

Received from Treasurer January, 1951	\$100.00
Received from Treasurer April, 1951	100.00
Received from Treasurer May, 1952	200.00
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GENERAL OPERATIONS

Supplies	\$ 87.25
Postage	286.92
Newsletters; Ballots; Programs; Exhibitors; Journal since July, 1952	
Telephone	40.20
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	\$414.37
Amount due Mrs. Crosland	\$ 14.37

Office Equipment Paid for by Treasurer

1 Five-Drawer steel file cabinet	\$ 95.00
1 Six-Drawer Addressograph Plate file	20.68
1 Addressograph Machine	215.59
1 Royal Typewriter	159.25
1010 Addressograph Plates	90.90
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	\$581.42

Mrs. Dorothy M. Crosland,
Executive-Secretary

THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS

From former secretary-treasurer	\$2,739.70
Membership dues	4,586.94
From T.V.A.	7,656.46
Journal advertisements	1,750.92
Received from Southern Regional Education Board	250.00
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Total Receipts	\$16,984.02

EXPENDITURES

Executive office expenses:	
Executive-Secretary's salary	\$1,916.59
Clerical help	597.82
Equipment and supplies	1,226.07
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"Southeastern Librarian" expenses:		
Paid to Editor	1,200.00	
Editor's travel expenses	109.06	
Supplies	3.08	
Printing of journal	1,306.80	
Mailing of journal	125.00	
		2,743.94
T.V.A. Contract expenses:		
Travel	1,502.30	
Atlanta luncheon	31.84	
Telephone calls	11.75	
Postage	6.14	
Microfilm	2,552.56	
Director's fee	1,000.00	
		5,104.59
Travel expenses	299.87	
Membership committee's expenses	75.81	
Other committees' expenses	91.87	
Conference expenses	10.00	
Association dues	70.00	
Cost of Newsletter	25.70	
Dr. Shores' supplies	29.38	
Typing of Papers and Proceedings	25.00	
Resources Inventory committee	469.80	
		\$12,686.44
Total Expenditures		
Balance		\$ 4,297.58

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE A. LIAISON

The Liaison Committee of the Southeastern Library Association is charged with raising funds for the Association, initiating contracts, exploring and stimulating contracts with other regional agencies and with foundations.

Projects on which the Committee has worked for the past two years are the TVA-SELA contract for the filming of scientific journals, a proposal to the Carnegie Corporation for additional funds for this project, a proposal for interstate, regional development of libraries in the Southeast, addressed to the Ford Foundation through the American Library Association. Meetings and conferences have been held in Atlanta, Tallahassee, Knoxville, Chapel Hill, and New York, in connection with these various projects with representatives of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the American Library Association, the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education, and much corre-

spondence has been carried on. The TVA-SELA Ford Foundation prospectus is still in process.

In connection with the ALA-SELA Ford request, the members of the Liaison Committee developed a prospectus which was submitted by the President of SELA to the President of ALA and was in turn presented to the ALA Executive Board at its meeting on Sunday, June 29, 1952, at the New York Conference. The chairman of the Liaison Committee was present to discuss the proposal with the Board. The project, approved in principle by the Board, was revised and amplified for foundation consideration in respect to details and budgetary breakdown.

The Executive Secretary of ALA met with Mr. Robert Blakely of the Fund for Adult Education of the Ford Foundation and left with him a copy of the proposal. Mr. Blakely's reaction was encouraging, and the Committee was invited to consider the submission of the prospectus as exploratory and to redraft it in more fundamental terms to show how SELA's program would affect the individual within the region. This redrafting is now underway, and the Committee plans to have the prospectus in the hands of the ALA Executive Secretary in time for the Executive Board meeting October 26-27.

B. E. Powell, Louis R. Wilson, and
William H. Jesse, chairman.

COMMITTEE B. PUBLICATIONS.

The Publications Committee began publication of *The Southeastern Librarian*, the official semi-annual journal of the Southeastern Library Association, in the spring of 1951. The *Librarian* was printed by the Birmingham (Alabama) Printing Company.

The first issue of the *Librarian* contained 68 pages, and the second and third (issued in the fall, 1951, and the spring, 1952) 48 pages each. One thousand copies of each issue were mailed to members and to subscribers.

The first three issues of *The Southeastern Librarian*, all published to this date, were financed as follows, according to the report of the Treasurer of the Association, October 8, 1952: income from advertising, \$1,730.92, and from membership dues,

\$953.87, total \$2,684.79; outgo for printing costs, \$1,306.80, for editor's honorarium, \$750.00, for editorial, secretarial, and mailing assistance, \$450.00, and for stamps, envelopes, travel and other miscellaneous expenses, \$177.99, total, \$2,684.79.

The writer resigned from the chairmanship of the SELA Publications Committee and, hence, relinquished his position as editor of the journal after the publication of the third issue, volume II, no. 1, Spring 1952. In submitting this report, he wishes to thank the advertising manager and the members of the Editorial Board of *The Southeastern Librarian* for their general help and hearty cooperation. Without their services the journal could never have been begun.

Tommie Dora Barker, Ernestine Grafton, Sarah Jones, Donald E. Thompson, Lawrence S. Thompson, and W. Stanley Hoole, chairman.

COMMITTEE C. HISTORICAL.

Dr. Louis R. Wilson, the original chairman of this Committee, found it necessary to resign in the spring of 1952 due to the pressure of his work. Although he continues to give generously of his talents and background, loss of his leadership has handicapped the work of the Committee. Before his resignation he outlined the work of the Committee and asked individual members to be responsible for collection of material relating to specific aspects of library development in the Southeast.

Even though much of their research for the history of the Association has been completed many aspects will require additional exploration before the writing can be undertaken. The Committee will discuss the tentative outlines for the history at its meeting in October.

As a part of its work in developing a collection of material dealing with southern library development, the Committee is in the process of sending letters to state agencies concerned with library service and to individual libraries requesting that they send copies of their publications to the collection. They are being asked to supply back copies wherever possible.

Because much source material for a study of the library movement in the Southeast cannot be turned over to the collection, and because copies of many studies cannot be secured for

the collection, the Committee is considering the preparation of a union catalog or a bibliography of such material. The first step in this project, if it is adopted, will be the compilation of a list of theses and dissertations dealing with library service.

The work of the Committee is motivated by the belief that the material it collects and the studies it completes can be used by library school students and librarians engaged in research projects, and that the collection it builds will help provide a better understanding of the development of library service in the region.

Pollyanna Creekmore, Mrs. Vivian Lawson, Joseph F. Mar-ron, Ellinor G. Preston, Alfred Rawlinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Charles H. Stone, Louis R. Wilson, Azile May Wofford, and Mary Edna Anders, chairman.

COMMITTEE D. STATISTICS.

The Statistics Committee devoted its attention to the problem of collecting significant statistics from the libraries of the nine Southeastern states. It was hoped that the Committee might actually undertake the collection, tabulation, and publication of the statistics for one or two of the major types of libraries but the group encountered so many problems and so many differences of opinion as to the types of libraries, and statistics, to be included, that the passing months saw the accumulation of more and more folders of correspondence, and the making of some important decisions, but no actual gathering of statistics.

To start with, the chairman wrote to the American Library Association, the Office of Education, and the nine state library agencies to find out what statistics were already collected, as the committee was anxious not to duplicate the efforts of others already in this field. The four sub-committees later did further checking along this line and collected a wide assortment of statistical forms and reports.

Many librarians were asked to say what kind of information they thought was needed and ought to be collected for the different types of libraries, and many returned questionnaires, or checked lists of items that might be included in a statistical form. In every field, there was also the question of how complete the study should be. Should it seek to include every

library of each type or just those over a given size? And should the information be collected directly from the libraries or gathered from the state library agencies who might then be willing to incorporate into their regular state questionnaires any points agreed upon by the Committee that they were not already collecting.

The College and University Sub-committee concluded that the real need in their field was for statistics of the junior college libraries and that their future attention should be concentrated there. The public librarians decided to limit themselves, to start with, to libraries serving populations of over 10,000, and agreed on a form to be used, as well as the method of collection. The school librarians will meet again in Atlanta to decide whether to collect and present their statistics by state totals, by cities, or by individual school libraries. The special libraries' representative gathered a great deal of information about such libraries in this area but is still trying to complete her listing. An important factor in determining the scope of each study has been, and must be, the amount of space available for publication in the *Southeastern Librarian*.

Apart from the above, the chairman also collected and distributed, each year, certain statistics of the large public libraries in the South, and made a study, soon to be published, of the increase in public library income in the last eight years.

College and University Libraries Sub-committee: Dale Bentz, William G. Harkins, and Donald Thompson, chairman. Public Libraries Sub-committee: John Banister, Arless Nixon, and Christine Coffey, chairman. School Libraries Sub-committee: Nancy Jane Day and Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas. Special Libraries Representative: Elizabeth Fryer. Robert Alvarez, chairman of entire committee.

COMMITTEE E. LIBRARY LEGISLATION.

The Legislation Committee of the Southeastern Library Association has as its mission the "Codification of the library laws in the nine states for separate publication and annual supplement in the Journal." The Committee has begun its task of compiling the laws of the area, and has agreed to follow the format, arrangement, and scope used in Fouts' *American Library laws*, second edition, American Library Association,

1943. To those unfamiliar with the publication, the actual text of all the laws of a state are presented . . . public, school, county, state, regional, law, archives, documents, etc. It is felt that all of this information is helpful when library programs are being planned, revised, or surveyed.

The revision of several state codes has retarded the work. It seemed unwise to complete the task until we had the most recent and accurate information available. We know changes will continue to be made, and will have to be brought to your attention in subsequent supplements, but it seemed unwise to push forward when so many were being revised. It is hoped the revisions will be complete and the material available by the end of the year so that soon thereafter we shall be able to present an attractive, accurate, well indexed publication that will be useful.

It has been suggested that the Committee supplement this basic compilation with a popularized version of each law, comments on the strength and weaknesses of the laws as viewed by those who must work under them, as well as attorney general rulings on controversial points. The Committee prefers to delay such a compilation until the SELA membership has discussed the merits of having the additional information. This difficult task might well absorb the energies of the Committee for some time.

Of course it will be necessary for each state's representative to report immediately new laws, amendments, and revisions for the supplemental reports of the Committee.

Mrs. Eunice Eley, Evelyn Day Mullen, Lucile Nix, Martha Parks, Frances Jane Porter, Mrs. Gretchen K. Schenk, Mrs. Sara K. Srygley, Estellene Walker, and Mrs. Margie S. Malmberg, chairman.

COMMITTEE F. RESOURCES.

The creation of the Committee on Resources by the Southeastern Library Association represents a continuation of efforts of southern libraries for the past two decades to develop the total library resources of the Southeast by securing and publishing information regarding research holdings in libraries in this area, with the aim of coordinating the purchase of research materials. Most of the members of the Committee, as members

of the sub-committee for the South for the A.L.A. Board of Resources, had been working with the Board of Southern Regional Education on the assumption that the matter of library resources is a very important part of any regional program of graduate study. At the time of the appointment of this committee the thinking had reached the point where it seemed desirable to conduct an inventory of the libraries of this region for the specific purpose of locating basic research material in the various fields of knowledge. The members of the staff of the Board of Southern Regional Education indicated an interest in the proposed inventory but wished a more definite statement regarding the object and method of carrying it out.

The Executive Council of the Southeastern Library Association provided \$250 which was matched by \$250 from the Board of Southern Regional Education to provide expenses for the chairman to make the necessary background study, to talk with librarians in other parts of the country who are interested in cooperative programs, and to prepare a written report. During the summer of 1951 the chairman spent approximately three weeks in the Northeast and two weeks in the Middle West discussing the proposed inventory and a subsequent cooperating plan with librarians, and in preparation of the report which was submitted to the Board of Regional Education on September 15.

The report was placed on the agenda of the meeting on Cooperation in Higher Education held by the Board of Southern Regional Education at Daytona Beach, Florida, October 21-24, 1951 at which members of the Committee on Resources were present, as was Dr. Robert B. Downs, Director of Libraries, University of Illinois, who was invited as a consultant by the staff of the Board. At that time the basic plan for the inventory was approved by the committee and by the entire conference. The plan called for an expenditure of \$45,000 on the inventory. It was agreed that the Board of Southern Regional Education would assume the first responsibility for undertaking to raise this amount from foundations which might be interested. By the spring of 1952 it became apparent that neither the Carnegie Corporation nor the General Education Board would support the project. During this time the Liaison Committee of SELA under the chairmanship of William Jesse

agreed to present the matter to the American Library Association with the request that it be included in a larger request to the Ford Foundation. There is some likelihood that funds may be forthcoming from this source.

During this past summer Dean Ralph E. Page of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Florida has become interested in the general principle of coordinated buying and development of research holdings in the Southeast. The chairman has provided him with information which was gathered in preparation for the original report to the Southern Board of Regional Education. Dean Page's plan differs from that submitted by the Committee on Resources in that he believes it will be possible to secure an earmarking of funds for coordinated purchasing from several universities and for the salary of a director before the inventory is made. He feels that the inventory could be performed by the director as a part of his regular duties. The plan which he has proposed to Mr. George Gant, Associate Director of the Southern Board of Regional Education, provides that each participating university earmark \$10,000 to be spent in certain fields for which that university will assume responsibility and another \$1,500 toward salaries and the establishment of a specialized union catalog. Dean Page suggests a meeting of university presidents and librarians to discuss the matter.

The Committee has not yet met to discuss the plans for the forthcoming year. It is the opinion of the chairman, however, that if the Committee believes that its aim is to increase the library resources in the Southeast, through planned development, then the Committee should work with any group which Dean Page and the Board of Southern Regional Education may interest in such a project.

Mrs. J. Henley Crosland, Jack Dalton, W. Stanley Hoole, William Jesse, Benjamin E. Powell, Lawrence Thompson, and Stanley West, chairman.

COMMITTEE G. LIBRARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The members of the Committee found approximately ten areas of significance but settled on three as of paramount concern: 1) Coordination of undergraduate programs with proper integration with graduate programs; 2) Cooperation with State

Departments of Education, State Library Commissions and other Extension Agencies in examining the present status of training acquired by school and public librarians in relationship to standard certification requirements; 3) Study of library education in terms of the standards being evolved by the Board of Education for Librarianship. From this flowed the concept of a *Work Conference on Professional Library Education in the Southeast*.

Members canvassed their state areas and reported on the number of known undergraduate library science programs. Two Peabody graduate students assisted in continuing this survey. On the basis of a financial estimate for a budget made by Mr. Hummel for the original number reported plus the number reported later, a request was sent to the Liaison Committee to obtain a grant of \$15,000 to care for a five day conference plus two days of travel for approximately 100 invited delegates and consultants. The time and place would be decided to avoid as much conflict as possible.

The purpose of the Conference would be to bring together the representatives of approximately 76 undergraduate programs in library science, to aim at a core curriculum, and to bring about articulation of the undergraduate program with that of the graduate program, and to work in harmony with the objectives of state, regional, and national consultants. In order to get the maximum attendance it is felt that the expenses of all invited representatives should be born by the Conference. It is the hope of the Committee on Education that the necessary grant will be available to carry on the proposed *Work Conference*.

Susan Grey Akers, Mrs. Eunice Eley, Mrs. Pauline M. Foster, Ray O. Hummel, Jr., Evaline P. Jackson, Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, Leslie I. Poste, Hazel Pulling, Mrs. Sara Krentzman Srygley, Estellene-P. Walker, and William A. Fitzgerald, chairman.

COMMITTEE H. JOINT SOUTHEASTERN-SOUTHWESTERN.

There are certain problems and interests which are shared by the Southeastern Library Association and the Southwestern Library Association, and in 1950 the two presidents, Dr. Louis Shores and Mr. Edmon Low, agreed, in view of the fact that

four of the states in SWLA (Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana) are members of the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education, that there should be some medium of cooperation established between these four states and the nine Southeastern states to work with the Board on regional problems affecting the states concerned. As a result of this agreement, the Joint Southeastern-Southwestern Committee was formed, the members appointed jointly by Dr. Shores and Mr. Low.

At the Savannah Work Conference held by the Board of Control in October, 1949, the need for a library resources inventory as an aid to self-evaluation of southern colleges and universities was first expressed. In September, 1951, as an outgrowth of the Savannah Conference, five regional organizations joined together to form the Regional Committee on Institutional Self-Evaluation to develop and guide a program of self-evaluation. These organizations were: Conference of Deans of Southern Graduate Schools, Joint Committee of Southeastern-Southwestern Library Associations, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Southern University Conference, and the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education. The first meeting of the Regional Committee was held in Atlanta on September 9, 1951. Mrs. Dorothy Crosland, alternate for William Jesse, represented SELA and William Dix attended as the SWLA member. The Regional Committee voted to sponsor a session on institutional self-evaluation as a part of a regional education conference being planned by the Board of Control at Daytona Beach on October 21-24, 1951. Mrs. Crosland, Dr. Dix, and Mr. Jesse participated in this session, wherein the Regional Committee reaffirmed its September 9 action to request a foundation for financial assistance for the program which the Regional Committee proposed to undertake.

Mrs. Lois R. Green, William H. Jesse, and Sarah L. Jones, Southeastern; William Dix, Irene Mason, and Eugene Watson, Southwestern; William H. Jesse, chairman.

COMMITTEE I. SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

A. Sub-Committee on Forwarding Elementary School Libraries. Nine of the committee members, with the assistance

of Miss Elizabeth Monteith, Librarian of Chantilly School, Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Nancy Burge, Supervisor of York Consolidated Schools, York, S. C., and others, worked through correspondence to prepare a folder presenting the value and functioning of good elementary school libraries which could be distributed to administrators, parents, and teachers. The folder portrayed eight learning centers in a library and pointed out nine things school libraries promote and four needs of a good library. The group felt that the folder would help build a better understanding of libraries and that eventually there would be more and better libraries in the Southeast. The folder was recommended to the Executive Board and the sum of \$114.15 was requested for getting 18,000 copies printed.

B. Sub-Committee on School Library Student Assistants. This committee was set up to find out all it could about pupil assistants in school libraries. The committee members were: Margaret E. Rutherford, State Board of Education, Richmond, Virginia; Beverly Ruffin, Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia; Mildred C. Herring, Senior High School, Greensboro, N. C.; Mildred Kelly, Rustburg, Virginia; Ruby Ethel Gundiff, Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., chairman.

The committee prepared a questionnaire and sent it to the school library supervisors in SELA. The questionnaire was criticized, returned, and sent a second time and at the Mid-winter meeting in 1952 all members present and some supervisors met and discussed the questionnaire. Funds were approved for the questionnaire. The questionnaire was then sent to librarians in the Southeast. (Through the kindness of the supervisors part of the questionnaires were included with their Newsletters.)

The librarians were asked to return the questionnaire by April 17, 1952.

State	Sent	Received
Alabama	375	47
Georgia	600	75
Florida	406	112
Kentucky	613	114
Mississippi	500	37
North Carolina	250	130
South Carolina	300	125
Tennessee	700	134
Virginia	584	120

The material for Virginia, South Carolina, and Mississippi has been tabulated. \$50.80 has been spent on mimeograph stencils, mimeograph paper, envelopes, and stamps. More money is needed so that the information can be put on punched cards where it will be more useable. [The tabulation of these questionnaires was completed by the time of the Conference and was reported in the *Library Journal* for December 15, 1952. Ed.]

C. Miscellaneous. The Committee wrote to Miss Nora Beust, Specialist, School Library Service Division, U. S. Office of Education, asking what was being done toward bringing up to date the publication "Laws Affecting School Libraries," issued by the division in 1940. Miss Beust replied: "We have the revision of this publication on our agenda of projects, but up until this time we have not had funds for the staff to prepare, or funds for publication of this material. We do realize the importance of bringing this material up to date and it will be done as soon as it can be included in our work and publication schedule."

Plans for the coming biennium: a) Distribute the folders, "Elementary School Libraries are Learning Centers." b) Complete tabulation on student assistants and prepare one or more articles for possible publication in various library publications. Prepare suggestions for school librarians as to how to get and use student assistants. c) Put forth a concerted effort to get more articles about libraries in periodicals and books.

Ruby Ethel Cundiff, Nancy Jane Day, Mary Eades, Mrs. Margaret Farley, Annabelle Koonce, Virginia McJenkin, Mrs. Lois McAlister Pilson, Fannie Schmitt, Clarice Williams, and Susan Caldwell, chairman.

COMMITTEE K. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES.

The Committee of the College and University Libraries Section of the Southeastern Library Association decided its objective for the 1950/52 biennium should be: To consider problems and opportunities of common interest to members of the College and University Libraries Section and to further a program best suited to the needs and interests of this group.

Our first step was to have the committee personnel contact representative members of the Section for ideas and suggestions toward a project to be undertaken by our group, the findings

of which would be reported upon at the 1952 meeting. The results were disappointing; the responses were few and, for the most part, negative. Two possible subjects were considered: The use and treatment of materials photographically reproduced and the possibilities of the establishment of a graduate library school in the Southeast. After investigation both subjects were ruled out on the grounds that they were being studied or considered by other committees.

The chairman appointed a committee to study the methods of exchange of session laws and legislative journals. This action fulfilled the wish of the Section as expressed in a motion made and carried at the 1950 meeting. Committee members are Dr. William R. Pullen, Documents Librarian, University of North Carolina; Miss Louis Fant, Documents Librarian, University of Georgia; and Mr. David E. Estes, Documents Librarian, Emory University.

The program for the biennial meeting has been planned with the interests of both the college and university groups in mind. The first meeting will feature an address by Dr. E. C. Colwell who will discuss library problems as viewed by an administrator. A panel discussion on personnel will follow Dr. Colwell's address.

The Saturday morning meeting will be of interest to our entire group and is especially planned to include librarians of state libraries and historical societies. A talk on the care and treatment of archival material is being planned. Mr. Arthur Hamlin will report on ACRL projects and follow with a talk on cooperative book selection in the college field. The morning session will conclude with a business meeting at which time several important matters are to be discussed.

Charles M. Adams, Georgia Faison, William G. Harkins, Sykes Hartin, Marjorie Helm, Archie McNeal, Lawrence S. Thompson, and Evelyn Fritz, chairman.

COMMITTEE L. SPECIAL LIBRARIES.

The Special Libraries Committee has adopted a rather broad mission. It embraces an overall objective of bringing about a closer working relationship within the framework of SELA of special libraries in the Southeastern states. We feel that librarians will benefit and perhaps be able to provide a

better service to patrons through a better knowledge of what special libraries exist and in what fields of knowledge or activity they specialize.

As the first step toward the accomplishment of this broad objective we decided to embark upon the preparation of a so-called "Directory" of special libraries in the area. With a representative from each of the nine Southeastern states the committee undertook the preparation of this directory with the representatives from the states taking on the load of preparing the list of libraries in his or her respective state.

In the preparation of the list we felt that we should not try to include detailed information about each library but to concentrate on including as many libraries as possible with certain basic information concerning each one as follows: a) name of library, b) location of the library, c) name of the chief librarian, and d) mission, purpose or scope of the library. We feel that this "Directory" of special libraries will be of assistance to special librarians as well as all librarians who wish to locate information as to where certain libraries are located which may have materials and services available to aid in reference and bibliographical work.

It is very difficult to decide just what is a "special" library. Are university libraries special libraries? We said no, but did include university departmental libraries. Medical libraries were included, particularly since there is no Medical Library Division in SELA. Armed Services libraries presented another tough one. We reasoned that they more probably belong in the public library field on the assumption that the nature of their collections—broad and mostly recreational in scope—and that they are performing a public library service for a segment of the population in uniform, led us to lean on the side of exclusion. On the other hand we included Armed Forces school libraries which have special collections and a more specialized mission, and Armed Forces hospital libraries which contain medical books and journals as well as providing reading for patients.

In any event, in the preparation of this directory there are many questionable cases still pending as to whether to include or exclude. When in doubt we lean on the side of inclusion. We hope that librarians of such libraries which are excluded will not be offended and, after all the directory is not yet in final form, nor has it been approved by the Executive Board

of SELA; therefore, we are open to suggestions. We have done a lot of work on it and sincerely hope that we can carry it to completion.

As to the broader objectives of the Committee, we are ready to consider some further steps in the job of bringing about a closer relationship among special libraries in the southeastern states. We are considering for our next project such things as: a) circularization of information among special libraries of noteworthy and unique acquisitions, perhaps thru the *Southeastern Librarian*; b) news notes about special libraries and librarians in the *Southeastern Librarian*; c) news concerning the establishment of new special libraries with information about their scope, mission or specialization; d) preparation of union catalogs and union lists of periodicals. The Committee welcomes your ideas and suggestions.

Mrs. Ben Aiken, Mrs. Caroline J. Barker, Mrs. Diana S. Calhoun, Kenneth Cameron, Lora-Frances Davis, Ellen T. Harding, Katherine McDiarmid, Louise Williams, and Paul E. Postell, chairman.

COMMITTEE M. CONSTITUTION

The Constitution Committee of the Southeastern Library Association was charged by the Activities Committee of SELA in 1949 with the responsibility of drawing up a new constitution and by-laws to incorporate the reorganization of SELA.

Using the constitutions of the state library associations in the nine southeastern states which are included in the membership of SELA as a basis, a study was made of the constitutions of PNLA, the Southwestern Library Association and the American Library Association.

The Constitution Committee tried to devise a constitution which would provide for the new organization and future growth, to cover all circumstances and be flexible enough to be adaptable to any changes. It was the idea of the Committee to set up general policies and procedures without making the new constitution and by-laws too restricted. The proposed Constitution and By-laws was amended and adopted at the SELA meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, October 14, 1950.

In order to clarify the matter of dues, provide for two candidates for each office and set up the procedure of electing the

state representative on the SELA Executive Board the following amendments to the By-Laws are presented for discussion and adoption.

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

Article 1. Dues

Section 2. b. Divisions, departments, or branches of library and library school institutional members, annual dues \$5.00.

Article 3. Election of Officers

Section 1. a. There shall be at least two candidates for each office.

b. Additional candidates for each office may be nominated, provided that the consent of these additional candidates shall have been secured in advance by members making the nominations.

c. These nominations shall be sent to the chairman of the nominating committee in time to be placed on the regular ballot.

d. Each section chairman shall appoint a nominating committee which will report its nominations to the section concerned. Sectional elections must be completed during the biennial conference.

Section 2. a. The members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the SELA members in the individual states.

b. Membership shall be determined by a list of SELA members sent by the Executive-Secretary to the SELA Executive Board member of each state. If there are two state associations in any one state, a nominating committee shall be appointed by the SELA Executive Board member to include members from the two organizations. The nominating committee shall be composed of members of SELA.

c. Election of state executive board representatives shall be conducted by the Executive Board member in each state in cooperation with the SELA Executive Secretary.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT OF COMMITTEE M

Amendments to the By-Laws, adopted October 31, 1952

Article 1. Dues

Section 2. b. Divisions, departments, or branches of libraries and library school institutional members, annual dues \$5.00.

Article 3. Election of Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected biennially by mail ballot four months before the biennial meeting. The names of the nominees shall be announced at least six months prior to the biennial meeting. The American Library Association councilors shall be elected in the same manner.

- a. There shall be at least two candidates for each office of the Association.
- b. Additional candidates for each office may be nominated upon petition of at least ten SELA members, provided that the consent of these additional candidates shall have been secured in advance by the members making the nominations.
- c. These nominations shall be sent to the chairman of the nominating committee in time to be placed on the regular ballot.
- d. Each section chairman shall appoint a nominating committee which will report its nominations to the section concerned. Sectional elections must be completed by the end of the biennial conference.

Section 2. The members of the Executive Board shall be elected for a term of four years, except that the first Executive Board shall be elected for a term of two (2), four (4), and six (6) years, alphabetically by states.

- a. The members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the SELA members in the individual states by a mail vote.
- b. Membership shall be determined by a list of SELA members sent by the Executive Secretary to the SELA Executive Board member in each state. A committee composed of the Executive Board member, the state member of the SELA nominating committee, and a third SELA member selected by these two shall appoint the nominating committee of from three to five members.
- c. Election of the state Executive Board representatives shall be conducted by the Executive Board member in each state in cooperation with the SELA secretary.

Clyde Cantrell, Virginia McJenkin, and Mrs. Augusta B. Richardson, chairman.

COMMITTEE Q. NOMINATING

The nominating Committee of the Southeastern Library Association submits its nominees for officers of the Association for 1952-54. The Committee's assignment was to present nominees for the offices of "Vice-President, who shall be President-Elect, and Treasurer." The By-Laws of the Association (Article 3, Sec. 1) state that: "The officers of the Association shall be elected biennially by mail ballot four months before the biennial meeting." The next biennial meeting of the Association will be held October 30-November 1, 1952.

NOMINATIONS

Vice-President (President-Elect):

Miss Nancy Jane Day, Supervisor of Library Services, State Department of Education, Columbia, South Carolina

Miss Fannie Schmitt, School Libraries Consultant, State Department of Education, Montgomery, Alabama

Treasurer:

Miss Roy Land, Circulation Librarian, Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
Miss Mabel E. Willoughby, Librarian, Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama

Charles M. Adams, Ruby Ethel Cundiff, Mrs. Eunice A. Eley, Louise Meredith, Ellen Perry, Louise Richardson, Fant Thornley, Azile Wofford, Tommie Dora Barker, chairman.

COMMITTEE R. LIBRARY WORK AS A CAREER

In the light of its mission to encourage recruiting activities in the region to implement the program of the ALA Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career, the Committee gives the following report of its work.

News of recruiting activities and suggestions as to desirable activities were gathered from the Committee and issued in the form of a newsletter to members, to persons representing similar organizations in other regions, and to library schools requesting copies. Correspondence revealed considerable agreement and some disagreement in regard to our activities. Interest in data concerning the relative effectiveness of various methods and media of recruiting has been expressed at meetings of the ALA Committee. Since our membership shared this interest, we undertook such a study in the Southeast, eliciting our information from students now registered in library schools. The Committee on Recruiting and Personnel of the Association of American Library Schools cooperated in a joint effort to determine why library school students in all regions chose librarianship as a profession. Students registered in the five ALA accredited library schools of this region were used as subjects in the portion of the study for which this committee was responsible. It seemed reasonable to assume that those students would constitute a sample, although it is possible to raise questions that a later study might attempt to answer. The findings for the Southeast are not dissimilar from those of the Association of American Library Schools Committee.

The chairmen of the two committees constructed a questionnaire which was tested by the students in the research course of Emory's Division of Librarianship. One hundred seventy were requested by the five library schools in this region. Of those 126 were returned in usable form. Answers were analyzed

for elements of content and the relation of such factors as age, sex, experience, etc., to reasons for choice and means of choice.

In terms of the persons or the means responsible for professional choice, 32 per cent specified librarians, 18 per cent noted experience. No other person or means was mentioned except in a few cases. A valid comment cannot be made on the relative effectiveness of media, since only 11 per cent of all recruits had seen them. Only 10 per cent of those who made this decision during the years 1948 to date had seen these materials. Comments expressed mild approval and disapproval.

Replies in 45 per cent of the cases indicated that these students chose library work because of their liking for books and reading. Liking for people motivated 25 per cent. No other reason was agreed upon by more than 17 per cent of the respondents. Other factors mentioned were: employment opportunities, intellectual stimulation, belief in the objectives of the profession, liking for librarians, courses in librarianship, previous experience, opportunities for service, variety and breadth of work.

These findings are suggestive and provocative rather than conclusive. A fuller and more analytical summary will be filed with SELA and with participating schools.

Plans for the next Biennial:

1. Extension of this study to other schools in this region if that seems desirable.
2. Study of existing personnel needs in the Southeast. This appeared on the calendar for the last biennial, but it has not been possible to undertake it so far.
3. Study of why a selected group of non-library students made their professional choices; if librarianship was considered, the reasons for its rejection.
4. Analysis of recruitment literature in the light of elements present in the answers of students used in the study described above.

Elise Draper, Alice J. Gatchel, Mary D. Grant, Grace Hightower, Beverly Ruffin, Ruth Waldrop, Estellene Walker, Margaret Willis, Evalene Jackson, chairman.

COMMITTEE S. REPRODUCTION OF RESEARCH MATERIALS

The objective of the Committee is to secure, as inexpensively and as expeditiously as possible, the reproduction of urgently needed research materials not readily available at present in this region.

The following outline indicates what has been accomplished by University Microfilms, acting for the Committee, in the way of reproduction of research materials:

Title	Remarks	Cost
Royal Society of London <i>Proceedings</i>	Not possible yet to obtain permission to film. Discussion still in progress.	
<i>Transactions</i>	Same status as <i>Proceedings</i> .	
<i>American Journal of Physiology</i>	In process. Now being photographed.	\$ 415.00
Chemical Society of London <i>Journal</i>	V.1-78 (1849-1900) completed. No permission for distribution.	
<i>Botanical Gazette</i>	Permission for reproduction not yet received from University of Chicago Press	219.00
Physical Society of London <i>Proceedings</i>	Not possible to obtain permission.	
Academie des Sciences <i>Comptes Rendus</i>	Not possible to obtain permission.	
<i>Biochemische Zeitschrift</i>	Completed	630.00
Franklin Institute <i>Journal</i>	Completed except for inspection.....	554.00
<i>Zeitschrift fuer Physik</i>	Not licensed by Alien Property Custodian, and holder of copyright (Springer) will not allow filming.	
<i>Biochemical Journal</i>	Available from Professor Leslie Young, Biochemistry Department, St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London E.S.1, England, at a cost of 1/2d per page.	
<i>Journal of Physiology</i>	Not possible to obtain permission.	
Optical Society of America <i>Journal</i>	Not yet possible to obtain permission but still under discussion.....	104.00

The following journals which were not on the list of the first thirteen to be filmed by University Microfilms but which did have a high ranking in the list selected in the Committee's survey have been filmed by University Microfilms: *Journal of*

Physical Chemistry, v. 1-20; *Journal für praktische Chemie*, v. 21-162; *Journal of Heredity*, v. 1-23; and *Monatshefte für Chemie*, v. 1-74.

Every effort has been made to secure permission to reproduce those journals which were included in the first thirteen. However, if this is not possible, others in descending order of preference will be filmed until a group of thirteen, equivalent in bulk to the original group has been filmed.

During the coming biennium it is hoped to extend the program of microfilming and possibly also of microcarding and offset publication in other fields and through other publishers.

J. G. Baker, Harlan Brown, Ray Hummel, W. P. Kellam, Archie McNeal, Alfred Rawlinson, Louise Richardson, Donald Thompson, and Lawrence S. Thompson, chairman.

COMMITTEE W. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

This committee has a two-fold mission: A plan for the establishment of a placement service which would be economically possible and of sufficient merit to warrant SELA sponsorship, and a plan for providing assistance to administrators in need of personnel information.

The Committee membership was completed September 15, 1952, and consequently there is very little to report at this time. As each person signified his interest in the work of the Committee he was sent a letter by the chairman indicating:

1. A plan worked out by the Chairman which might be workable in setting up a placement clearinghouse sponsored by SELA.

2. A need for suggestions by members of the Committee.

3. Activities which each committee member should do before the SELA meeting.

4. One of the members of the Committee (Mr. Randall) will send to each of the other members a plan he has worked out with respect to the personnel information assistance to administrators.

The Committee will meet officially for the first time in Atlanta in October, 1952 during the convention of SELA, and will discuss the prospects for the two parts of the mission. The proposals of the Committee will be submitted to the President of SELA for consideration and action.

Plans for the Next Biennial. If the report of the Committee after its meetings at SELA convention in October, 1952 is received favorably, the Committee will proceed with the actual setting up of the mechanisms for carrying out the missions assigned to it. This will involve:

1. The collection of sample employment application forms to be used as a basis for developing one suitable for the field of librarianship.
2. A study of the possible applications of punched card control of large numbers of personal factors on a large number of applications.
3. A study of the possible location of a group of workers to operate the employment clearinghouse.
4. A study of costs involved, to determine the simplest and least expensive way to operate an employment clearinghouse.

It is sincerely hoped that both missions will develop rapidly and efficiently for the benefit of administrators and their staffs, and will prove projects of which SELA can be justly proud.

ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE W

In the meeting of Committee W on October 30, 1952, the following proposals were recommended:

1. A placement clearing headquarters would be established, using a volunteer staff located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for a trial period of two years beginning November 1, 1952, and ending at the next biennial meeting of SELA.
2. Librarians of the Southeast would be notified through various channels (such as an announcement distributed to library administrators of this region, and in the *Southeastern Librarian*) that the services of the clearinghouse are at their disposal, both as employers and as possible candidates for positions offered.
3. A specially designed application blank would be sent to all librarians expressing an interest in using these services.
4. The application blank would be returned in duplicate to the clearinghouse in Oak Ridge, accompanied by a registration fee of \$1.00 (to cover cost of mailing, punched cards, and the printing of application blanks).

5. Application blank information would be coded on punched cards to facilitate filing and selection.

6. Upon receipt of a notice of a job opening the files of applicants would be searched, and the application blank copy of each qualified candidate would be sent to the employer.

7. Thus notified of candidates qualified for the job, the employer would request the candidates he selects to furnish additional credential files from their respective library schools.

8. Upon completion of the use of the copy of the application blanks they would be returned to the clearinghouse.

9. Each candidate successfully placed in a new position as a result of the efforts of the SELA clearinghouse would pay a fee of \$5.00 to the clearinghouse for the services rendered by it.

10. All files would be handled in strict confidence.

11. An annual report of progress and activity would be sent to the President of SELA.

12. Recommendation for the continuance or cessation of the activities of the clearinghouse would be made by the Committee W at the end of the first two years of operation.

Daniel H. Healey, W. P. Kellam, Annabelle Koonce, Gordon Randall, Frank B. Sessa, and R. A. Schleuter, chairman.

COMMITTEE Y. CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION

As its first project, the Committee on Cataloging and Classification made a survey of the cataloging procedures carried on in the small public libraries of the nine Southeastern states. The making of an effective catalog is an ever-present problem in the small, understaffed library where, after giving first place to work with readers, the librarian often finds the time left over much too brief for making a catalog according to standard rules. The situation is one that calls for consideration of all possible simplifications and economies.

A questionnaire was prepared and sent to 351 libraries listed in the 1951 American Library Directory as having book collections of 5,000 to 30,000 volumes. All libraries, within the size limits, marked "public" were included, except those that lacked certain necessary items such as the name of the librarian or the number of volumes in the collection. One hundred and fifty-one libraries, 43 per cent of the mailing list number, returned the questionnaire. Nearly half of this num-

ber were county and regional libraries. Eight librarians wrote an explanatory letter as well. In view of the length of the questionnaire this response was considered to be good. The field representative of one state wrote: "Apparently you are aiming at some things that concern me greatly . . ."

For purposes of tabulation the libraries were grouped by size of the book collection: Group I, 5,000-9,999; Group II, 10,000-19,999; and Group III, 20,000-31,999 volumes. The limit of Group III was extended to cover the increased size of four libraries that had passed the 30,000 mark. Over 42 per cent of the libraries were in the middle group with collections of 10,000-19,999 volumes. The first tabulations were useful in defining library situations in which the cataloging is being done. The median book collection for Group I was found to be 7,541 volumes; for Group II, 13,854 volumes; and for Group III, 25,285 volumes. The median of annual additions as reported by Groups I to III was 626 volumes, 1,258 volumes, and 2,351 volumes respectively. Replies to the question on staff members showed that over 30 per cent of the libraries in Group I are one-man libraries. Three of these reported a single part-time librarian. In group II the one-man libraries were less than 8 per cent, while in Group III, a single librarian was found in only one instance. Although the question on staff members included cataloging staff, a second question related specifically to catalogers. Librarian-catalogers were reported in more than 47 per cent of the libraries answering the question. More than one staff member with a share in the cataloging was found in 28 per cent.

Comments showed that many libraries are in a pioneer stage: "only partly cataloged"; "working on the back-log." The percentage of libraries maintaining both a catalog and a shelf-list increases with the size of the library from 69 per cent in Group I, to 89 per cent in Group II, and to 100 per cent in Group III. That the catalog is at times a simple author and title file was indicated in more than one instance.

The aim of the greater part of the questionnaire was the investigation of possible economies. The use of printed cards is recommended even for the small library as a time saver. The survey shows that 60 per cent of the libraries take advantage of centralized cataloging in some form, either printed cards or the state cataloging service available in Georgia. A question

on the length of wait for printed cards brought out what is apparently the greatest problem in their use. However, 55 per cent of the libraries wait for the cards before cataloging.

The use of a standard form of card for both main and added entries has the advantage of relieving the cataloger of the necessity for duplicating cards. In the small library, however, it may be economical to give full information on the author card only. Sixty-eight per cent of the libraries use the same form for main and added entries for all books; 18 per cent for non-fiction books only; while 14 per cent of the libraries make the added entries in a shorter form. The amount of search to establish authors names may sometimes be curtailed without making the catalog less useful. Thirty-two per cent of the libraries use the form found in the book, and 50 per cent the form in the *Standard Catalog* or other single aid. Only 18 per cent reported the use of two or more aids. Seventy-four per cent of the libraries omit the author's dates.

It is often possible to simplify cards by omitting descriptive details called for in the catalog code but little needed in the individual library. In the imprint group the most frequently omitted item is the place of publication. Forty-eight per cent of the libraries omit this item. Place of publication and the name of the publisher are given in abbreviated form in well over half the libraries. Only 30 per cent search for the date beyond the book itself. Collation is omitted entirely by more than 36 per cent of the libraries. The combination of paging and illustrations was reported by 38 per cent; paging only, by 14 per cent. Simplification in the recording of both paging and illustrations was noted.

Cataloging time may often be reduced by limiting the number of added entries. Title cards show the largest percentage of use (92 per cent), with subject cards second, with 84 per cent. Cards for illustrators have the lowest percentage of use (10.4 per cent). Illustrator cards are omitted by over 60 per cent of the libraries. Analytic cards are made moderately by about 25 per cent, and sparingly by 42 per cent. The use of the *Standard Catalog* and indexes as substitutes for analytics was reported by only 35 per cent. Comments showed that the indexes were seldom found in the book collection.

Subject references were reported by 81 per cent of the libraries; 58 per cent of these making both "see" and "see also" references. "See" references only were reported by 40 per cent. Comments showed that the reference cards are made sparingly. An official record of subject headings and references is maintained in 70 per cent of the libraries answering this question. The form of the record is a checked list in 82 per cent of the cases. One library reported the checked list for adult books but a card file for all juvenile books, "as very fully given."

Additional topics such as separate catalogs for juvenile books, the maintenance of branch catalogs, the frequency and revision of filing, and the organization of the pamphlet collection are included in the complete report. Tables are provided to show the difference between the three groups of libraries and further analysis of findings is made.

Marianna Long, Monteen Manning, Vivian Prince, Grace Robertson, and Clyde Pettus, chairman.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Adopted, October 11-14, 1950

Article 1. Name

The name of this association shall be the Southeastern Library Association. The area included shall consist of the following states in the region: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia; and such other Southern states as may petition and be admitted by a majority vote of members present at a general meeting.

Article 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Southeastern Library Association shall be: to promote library interests and services; to cooperate with regional and national agencies with related interests; and to stimulate research in library and related problems in the region.

Article 3. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Association shall be open to any person engaged in library work and others interested in the objectives of the Association. They shall become members upon payment of dues as set up in the By-Laws.

Section 2. Any library, club, agency, organization or other association interested in library development in the region may become an institutional member by payment of dues as set up in the By-Laws and be entitled to send one delegate with full powers of membership.

Article 4. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, who shall be President-Elect, and Treasurer; and such other officers as provided for in the By-Laws. The Executive Secretary shall act as secretary.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected officers, and one member from each state elected by the Southeastern Library Association members of that state.

Article 5. Meetings

There shall be meetings of the Association at such a time and place as may be determined by the Executive Board. There should be at least one every two years.

Article 6. Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided

notice of the proposed amendment be sent to each member of the Association at least sixty (60) days before its presentation for adoption.

Article 7. Adoption of Constitution

This constitution, after its adoption by this conference, shall be referred to the various Southeastern state associations at their regular state association meetings for ratification and shall become effective when five (5) state associations now members have so ratified it.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. Dues

Section 1. Annual dues of individual members shall be on the following scale:

- a. \$2.00 for members of a state library association or the American Library Association.
- b. \$3.00 for individuals who are not members of either a state library association or the American Library Association.

Section 2. Dues of institutional members shall be on the following scale:

- a. Libraries with an income of \$10,000 or less, annual dues \$2.00.
- b. Divisions, departments, or branches of libraries and library school institutional members, annual dues \$5.00.
- c. Other agencies and organizations, annual dues \$5.00 or more.

Section 3. Dues of sustaining members shall be \$10.00 per calendar year.

Section 4. Annual dues of contributing members shall be \$25.00 or more.

Article 2. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall coincide with the calendar year.

Article 3. Election of Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected biennially by mail ballot four months before the biennial meeting. The names of the nominees shall be announced at least six months prior to the biennial meeting. The American Library Association councilors shall be elected in the same manner.

a. There shall be at least two candidates for each office of the Association.

b. Additional candidates for each office may be nominated upon petition of at least ten SELA members provided that the consent of these additional candidates shall have been secured in advance by the members making the nominations.

c. These nominations shall be sent to the chairman of the nominating committee in time to be placed on the regular ballot.

d. Each section chairman shall appoint a nominating committee which will report its nominations to the section concerned. Sectional elections must be completed by the end of the biennial conference.

Section 2. The members of the Executive Board shall be elected for a term of four years, except that the first Executive Board shall be elected for terms of two (2), four (4), and six (6) years, alphabetically by states.

a. The members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the SELA members in the individual states by a mail vote.

b. Membership shall be determined by a list of SELA members sent by the Executive Secretary to the SELA Executive Board member of each state. A committee composed of the Executive Board member, the state member of the SELA nominating committee, a third SELA member selected by these two shall appoint the nominating committee of from three to five members.

c. Election of state Executive Board representatives shall be conducted by the Executive Board member in each state in cooperation with the SELA secretary.

Section 3. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by and responsible to the Executive Board.

Section 4. Vacancies in office shall be filled by the Executive Board. Vacancies in state representation on the Executive Board shall be filled by SELA members in the state. In the event that the office of the Executive Secretary is not filled, the Executive Board shall provide for the election of a secretary.

Article 4. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The duties of the officers shall be such as are implied by their titles, except as are modified by the By-Laws.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have the authority to contract with agencies or individuals to perform library services that involve two or more states.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall not make any commitments for which funds are not available.

Article 5. Committees

The President shall appoint all committees with the approval of the Executive Board for a term of two years. The President shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of one member from each state. No member of the Executive Board shall be a member of the Nominating Committee.

Article 6. Quorum

Ten per cent (10%) of the members of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

Article 7. Amendments

By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed at any meeting by a majority vote of those present and voting.

[The By-laws include the revisions made at the 1952 Conference—Ed.]

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Headquarters' Page . . .

As this issue of the Proceedings of the Fifteenth Biennial Conference goes to press, it is fitting and appropriate that I express to each and every member my thanks for the cooperation and understanding which has been given me during the almost three years I served as your Executive Secretary. With the members of the Executive Board, I feel that we have made progress. Not as much as we had hoped, for it is difficult to really show accomplishments without funds to finance projects.

The committees have worked on shoe-string allowances and they have presented good substantial recommendations. Many could have accomplished more if funds had been available. The members have worked faithfully, giving of their time and interest to build a better organization. The printed reports of the committees testify to the good, unselfish work that has been done.

Today we have a paid membership of 1098. I am sorry to relate that 255 attended the Conference in Atlanta, paid the registration fees but have not paid their membership dues. We are writing letters to these individuals asking that they support SELA and pay dues. A situation like this means that we shall have to monitor future meetings.

As we stand at the threshold of a new biennium, we realize that our road is still rough. To do a good job for our members, we need a full-time secretary and funds to finance projects. Our Atlanta Conference was a success in that we were able to have more exhibits and we made a little more money. Our treasury

is in better financial condition than it was two years ago. We shall be able to allocate a slightly larger amount to committees for projects.

I have had word from ALA Headquarters that they expect a favorable vote on our project which was submitted by the Liaison Committee for funds from the Ford Foundation. If the vote is favorable, Mr. Jesse and I will go to Chicago before January 22, 1953, to present the project to a member of the Ford Foundation. Again, if we should get a donation, many of you will be called on to help with the project.

Mr. Richard B. Harwell is our new Executive Secretary. He is Assistant Librarian at Emory University, a fine young man with enthusiasm and sincerity to help the SELA. We are very fortunate in having the services of Mr. Harwell. He will do a good job.

The journal, the *Southeastern Librarian*, will become a quarterly with Volume III, Number 1. Mr. W. P. Kellam, our new editor, is now working on the first number. With four issues of the journal, we will no longer publish the *News-Letter*.

As your President, I shall need the help and support of each of you. Dr. Shores has done so well, I must strive to make the two years before me as successful. The footsteps I have to follow shall be hard. Your offers of help and suggestions are gratefully received. We have a good organization, with wonderfully cooperative men and women, who are eager to further our library profession. With your assistance, we shall succeed.

Dorothy M. Crosland,
President



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With the resignation of R. A. Schlueter as chairman of the Junior Members Round Table just before the Atlanta Conference, the JMRT went out of existence as a part of SELA.

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Mrs. Dorothy M. Crosland represented the SELA at the Conference of the Southwestern Library Association in Mexico City in late November. Besides the great advantage of closer liaison between the two associations, President Crosland's trip clinched the full cooperation of SWLA in laying before the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools requests from both organizations for a restudy of the library standards of the Southern Association.

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At the December 1952 meeting of the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Mr. W. Stanley Hoole read a detailed report on the activities of the Committee on the Library, urging that the 1950 Association's library standard be restudied and revised. The Committee report included official statements from SELA and SWLA, as adopted at the last meetings of these two associations. The Southern Association accepted the recommendations of the Committee on the Library, as presented by Mr. Hoole, and authorized a restudy of the library standard to begin at once.

The membership of the Committee on the Library for 1952-53, appointed shortly after the 1952 meeting of the Association, is composed of the following: President David Lockmiller, University of Chattanooga, chairman; Mr. James D. Cherry, Superintendent of DeKalb County Schools, Decatur, Georgia; Mr. Guy R. Lyle, Director of Libraries, Louisiana State University; and Mr. W. Stanley Hoole, Director of Li-

braries, University of Alabama. A meeting of this Committee is planned for the near future.

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The American Literature Group of the Modern Language Association, through its Committee on Manuscript Holdings in Libraries, is undertaking a census of literary manuscripts in American libraries, looking forward to the publication of a complete master list. The South has been chosen as the first area to be surveyed and a copy of an extensive checklist, "American Authors," has been mailed to all the larger libraries in the region. Realizing that some of the smaller libraries also have significant manuscript holdings, the Committee urges all librarians with such collections under their care and who have not received the checklist to write immediately to Professor Joseph Jones, University of Texas, for a copy.

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Have you seen a copy of the most recent Library Extension Publication of the University of North Carolina Library? It is *North Carolina Authors: A Selective Handbook* and was prepared by a Joint Committee of the North Carolina English Teachers Association and the North Carolina Library Association. This is the sixth publication relating to North Carolina authors issued by the Extension Department of that Library.

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Mr. Richard B. Harwell, SELA Executive Secretary and well-known student of Confederate Bibliography, is a visiting member of the library staff of the University of Virginia during the winter quarter.

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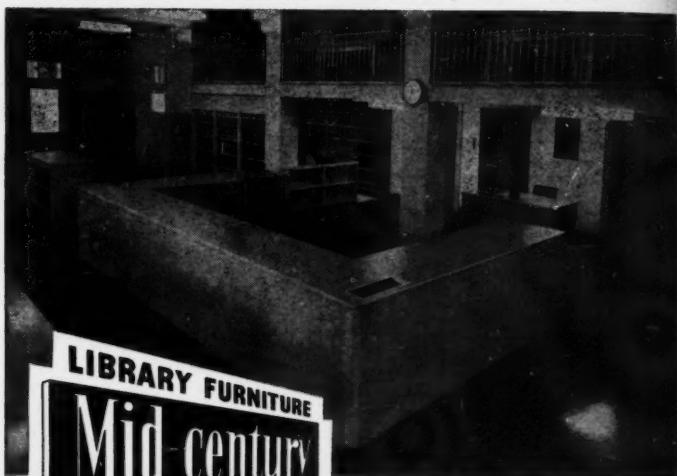
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